

Subject: MSANEWS: The Ladenese Epistle: Clarification from CDLR



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Source: Committe for the Defense of Legitimate Rights (CDLR)
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Email: CDLR <100043.1420@CompuServe.COM>
Title: Re:: READERS' CORNER: The Ladenese Epistle .. and an Update on Bin-Laden

TEXT:

Ref.: The Ladenese Epistle

A "Western Reader" said: << The Ladenese Epistle was almost certainly not, repeat not, written by Bin Ladin. Dedicated he is; intellectual he is not. the source, 100043.1420@compuserve.com is obviously a London address, and just as obviously an effort to stir the pot. That Ladin may have signed the missive is one thing, let 100043.1420 prove that he wrote it. I don't wish to start a spitting contest, so just let it be that there is one reader who questions the provenance of this MSA report >>

The address 100043.1420@compuserve.com is our (that is CDLR's) address in London. The epistle is written in Arabic. We received the original from the office of ARC (Advice and Reformation Committee) here in London. The office director Mr. Khalid Al-Fawwaaz confirmed that it originates from Usama Bin Ladin. He actually phoned him and discussed the matter with him in length, because the letter was signed by Usama personally, but not endorsed by ARC. That is the reason that ARC did not distribute it widely. They did not endorse it publicly!!

We know Mr. Khalid Al-Fawwaaz personally and believe that he is trustworthy. His truthfulness is for us beyond doubt.

A friend translated the message, leaving the sayings of the Prophet, Allah Praise and Salutation be on him and his house, and the poetry. I did translate these missing bits and did the final editing personally.

We are positively and absolutely convinced, that the message is from Usama Bin Ladin and carry his signature.

He may have had some help in the formulation (ghost writing), but this normal for all political leaders and what you sign is YOUR statement, inspite of possible ghost writing!!